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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Secretary
National Security Council

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the
National Security Medal to
Dr. Hans A. Bethe

1. Enclosed is recommendation for award of the National Security Medal to Dr. Hans A. Bethe sent to the Director of Central Intelligence with your memorandum of 25 October 1961. This recommendation has been reviewed and approved by the Honor and Merit Awards Board of this Agency which suggests a modification in the language of the proposed citation. The report of the Board has received my approval and is also enclosed.

2. If the President agrees with this recommendation, please let me know when the medal and certificate will be needed for presentation to Dr. Bethe, so that we may have the necessary engraving and lettering accomplished.

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C. P. Cabell
General, USAF
Acting Director

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Enclosures:

Report of Honor and Merit Awards
Board, 30 October 1961

Recommendation for Award for
Professor H. A. Bethe, 27 June 1961,
with accompanying endorsements and
recommendations.

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REPORT OF HONOR AND MERIT AWARDS BOARD (CONVENED PURSUANT TO REGULATIONS R 20-635 AND FR 20-635)			DATE 30 October 1961
The Honor and Merit Awards Board having considered a recommendation that:			
NAME:	(Last)	(First)	(Middle)
	Dr. Bethe	Hans	A.
POSITION TITLE		Chairman, Foreign Weapon Evaluation Group	
PRESENT GRADE		OFFICE ASSIGNED TO	
		Dept of the Air Force	
STATION		Washington 25, D. C.	
BE AWARDED:			
National Security Medal			
<input type="checkbox"/> FOR HEROIC ACTION, ON			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FOR MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE DURING THE PERIOD 3 December 1953 - 16 June 1961			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVES THE RECOMMENDATION <input type="checkbox"/> DISAPPROVES THE RECOMMENDATION			
<input type="checkbox"/> APPROVES, BUT IN LIEU THEREOF, RECOMMENDS THE AWARD OF:			
CITATION			
<p>Dr. Hans A. Bethe is awarded the National Security Medal for distinguished service in the field of intelligence relating to the national security from 3 December 1953 to 16 June 1961. Serving in a position of great responsibility, he furnished outstanding scientific guidance and consultation to civilian and military agencies engaged in an important intelligence activity. The contribution made by Dr. Bethe is in keeping with the finest tradition of service to the United States and has added immeasurably to the security of our Nation.</p>			
REASONS FOR DISAPPROVAL OF RECOMMENDED AWARD			
APPROVED		SIGNATURE	
<i>C. P. Cabell</i> acting DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE		<i>/s/</i> Harry W. Little, Jr.	
DATE		TYPED NAME OF CHAIRMAN, HONOR AND MERIT AWARDS BOARD	
7 NOV 1961		EMMETT D. ECHOLS	
		SIGNATURE	
		TYPED NAME OF RECORDER	
		ROBERT M. GAYNOR	